GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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U.S. SANCTIONS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the post Pokhran U.S. sanctions has financially and technically crippled several Indian Science and Technology institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have made any efforts to initiate a dialogue with U.S. for easing the embargo on institutions not involved in research in nuclear warheads and delivery system;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c), (d) Government has conveyed in bilateral discussions with the US that the restrictive economic measures imposed on India following our nuclear tests are unjustified and counterproductive. While some of these measures have partially been lifted, we continue to maintain that all such measures should be removed in order to create a positive environment.

(e) Does not arise.